

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments is requested.

The amendment to col. 4, lines 21-27 has been resubmitted as required in the office action, and claim 60 has been canceled.

Attached is the original patent No. 6,196,311 in accordance with 37 CFR §1.178.

The allowance of claims 1-51 and 89-108 is acknowledged with appreciation and an early notice thereof is requested.

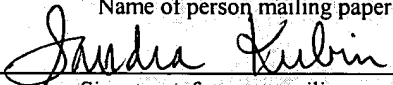
Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding the above, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,


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